

## **Appendix B**

### **UNIT MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Consistent timeliness of personnel support is necessary to sustain the force and enhance the commander's ability to continue combat operations. The fluid nature of Army operations requires mobility to maintain personnel support. Personnel units require a variety of TOE, CTA, and automation equipment to effectively operate on the battlefield. Some personnel units or their elements must be 100 percent mobile. For example, the DS postal platoon must be 100 percent mobile to provide services to the brigade and battalions. This mobility factor must include the TOE, CTA, USPS, and automation equipment required to effectively perform the wartime mission. Unit mobility statements are contained in Chapters 15 through 22.

Personnel unit commanders must transport their elements to designated locations to provide personnel support to other units in their assigned area of operations. Personnel support is on an area basis and employs detachments and platoons in locations close to support units in their area of operations. PSB/PSDs may be required to travel in the division or brigade area of operations to conduct training, reconstitution operations, and so forth. Postal platoons are required to travel in the brigade and battalion areas of operations.

Supporting transportation units use organic personnel or equipment to move personnel units and/or their subordinate elements. This forward-oriented transportation is a combat-multiplier. It allows the combat commander to concentrate all his forces on the enemy, shorten the logistics tail, and gain mobility and freedom of action.

Unlike most combat units, personnel units depend on proportionally larger quantities of mission-essential CTA and automation equipment to successfully accomplish their mission. Personnel unit commanders must plan transportation based on requirements for bulky CTA and automation equipment that will "cube out" vehicles before exceeding the gross weight capabilities of vehicles as well as weight and/or cubic footage of authorized TOE equipment.

Personnel units will also require supplemental transportation of TOE and mission-related CTA and NBC equipment, basic loads, prescribed and authorized load lists, rations, water, miscellaneous personnel documents and automation supplies, defensive equipment, individual and crew-served weapons and ammunition, and all unit personnel and their personal gear.

Personnel units must be ready to move frequently and operate from tentage carried with the unit. Therefore, personnel unit commanders will train to transport their entire unit. They are responsible for prioritizing and distributing TOE, CTA, and automation equipment among available organic transportation assets. They must then establish and maintain coordination with the appropriate support unit for any supplemental transportation needed. Commanders will establish and test equipment load plans to ensure that the unit is capable of moving and supporting the force.